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When billionaire industrialist Tony Stark dons sophisticated steel-mesh armor of his own design, he becomes a living high-tech weapon – the world's greatest human fighting machine!

James "Rhodey" Rhodes has been many things – a Marine, a pilot, and Tony Stark's best friend. When Stark can no longer fight on as Iron Man, Rhodey dons his own suit of armor – one with the power of an entire army in the hands of one man!

THE INVINCIBLE IRON MAN

WAR MACHINE

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For months, the shape-shifting aliens known as the Skrulls have replaced key figures in the human and superhuman communities. After sowing the seeds of fear and paranoia, the Skrulls are ready to claim Earth for themselves. They lure the Avengers to the prehistoric Savage Land...and strike Iron Man with an alien virus that disables not only his armor, but every piece of technology designed by Stark throughout the world!

Meanwhile, War Machine – who has been training the super heroes of tomorrow at the Initiative's Camp Hammond in Stamford, Connecticut – receives a coded message from Tony with directions to a secret satellite still in operation. There, Rhodey finds former Force Works member Suzi Endo, a.k.a. Cybermancer, who was also contacted by Tony. The duo is then attacked by a Skrull fleet...and Suzi shows Rhodey how to transform the entire satellite into a giant War Machine!

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"For what they've done, they will have to pay the ultimate price." – Ultimatum, November 2008

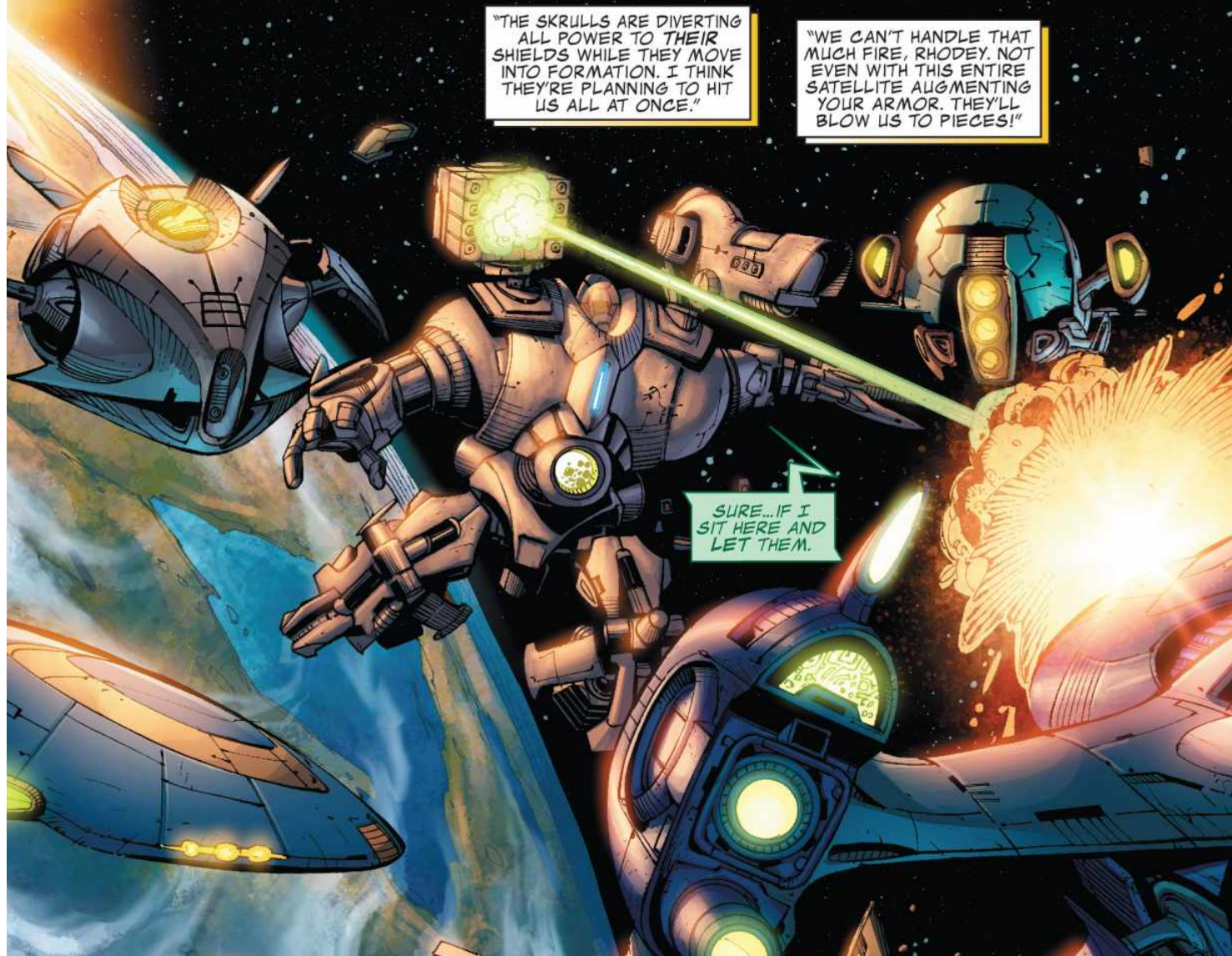




SYSTEMS
CHECK! SUZI,
THE SHIELDS--



HOLDING
FOR NOW! BUT
JIM, WE HAVE
A PROBLEM!



"THE SKRULLS ARE DIVERTING
ALL POWER TO THEIR
SHIELDS WHILE THEY MOVE
INTO FORMATION. I THINK
THEY'RE PLANNING TO HIT
US ALL AT ONCE."

"WE CAN'T HANDLE THAT
MUCH FIRE, RHODEY. NOT
EVEN WITH THIS ENTIRE
SATELLITE AUGMENTING
YOUR ARMOR. THEY'LL
BLOW US TO PIECES!"

SURE...IF I
SIT HERE AND
LET THEM.



BUT
THAT--



--IS NOT
GONNA
HAPPEN.











LAST ONE'S
ESCAPING. I
TAGGED HIM,
BUT--

HIS COMMS
ARE DOWN, SO HE
CAN'T CALL FOR HELP.
BUT HIS ENGINES ARE
FUNCTIONING. AND HE'S MORE
MANEUVERABLE THAN WE ARE.



I DON'T LIKE
LOOSE ENDS. I
LIKE 'EM EVEN LESS
WHEN THEY CRASH
ON CIVILIANS.

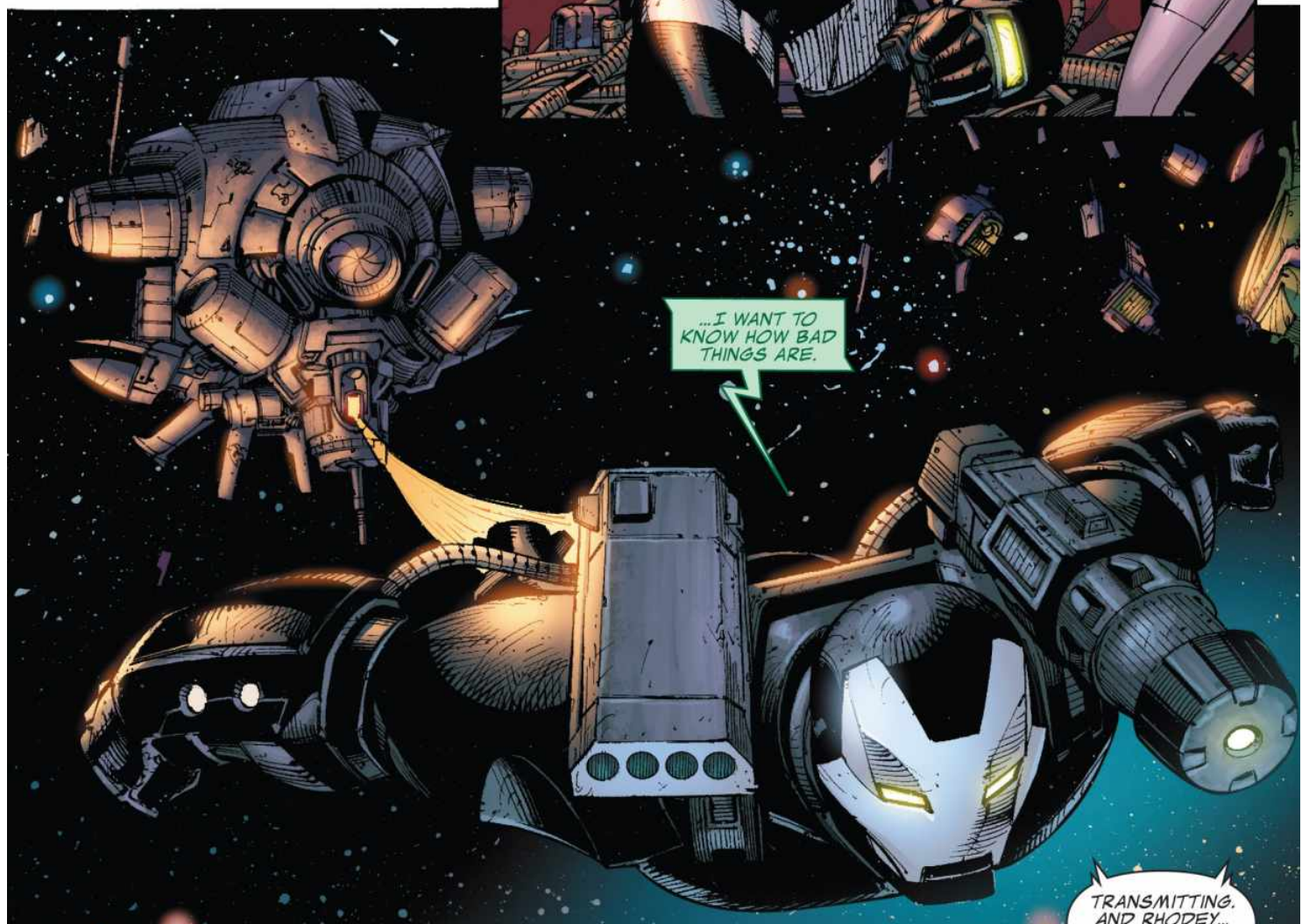
GONNA HAVE
TO FINISH THIS
OLD SCHOOL.

AUTO-REPAIR
FIXED THE DAMAGE
TO YOUR ARMOR WHILE
YOU WERE LOCKED IN.
AND YOU'RE FULLY
POWERED UP.

THIS SATELLITE
GETS BETTER EVERY
MINUTE. TOO BAD IT'S
NOT ATMOSPHERE-
WORTHY.

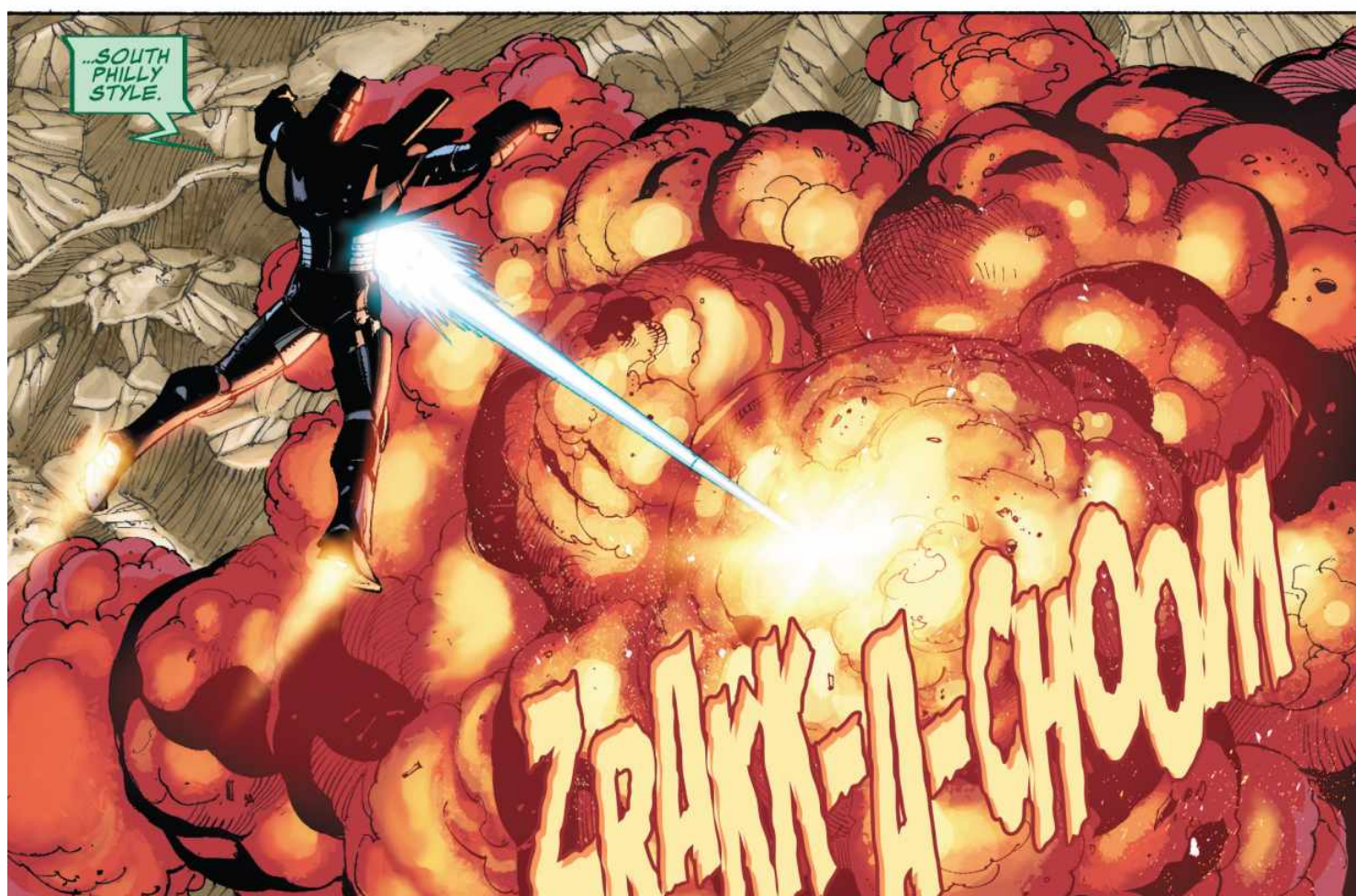
I REACTIVATED THE CLOAKING
SYSTEM AND MOVED US
FROM GEOSYNCHRONOUS
TO A MOLNIYA ORBIT. THE
STATION SHOULD BE
SAFE FROM FURTHER
ATTACKS.

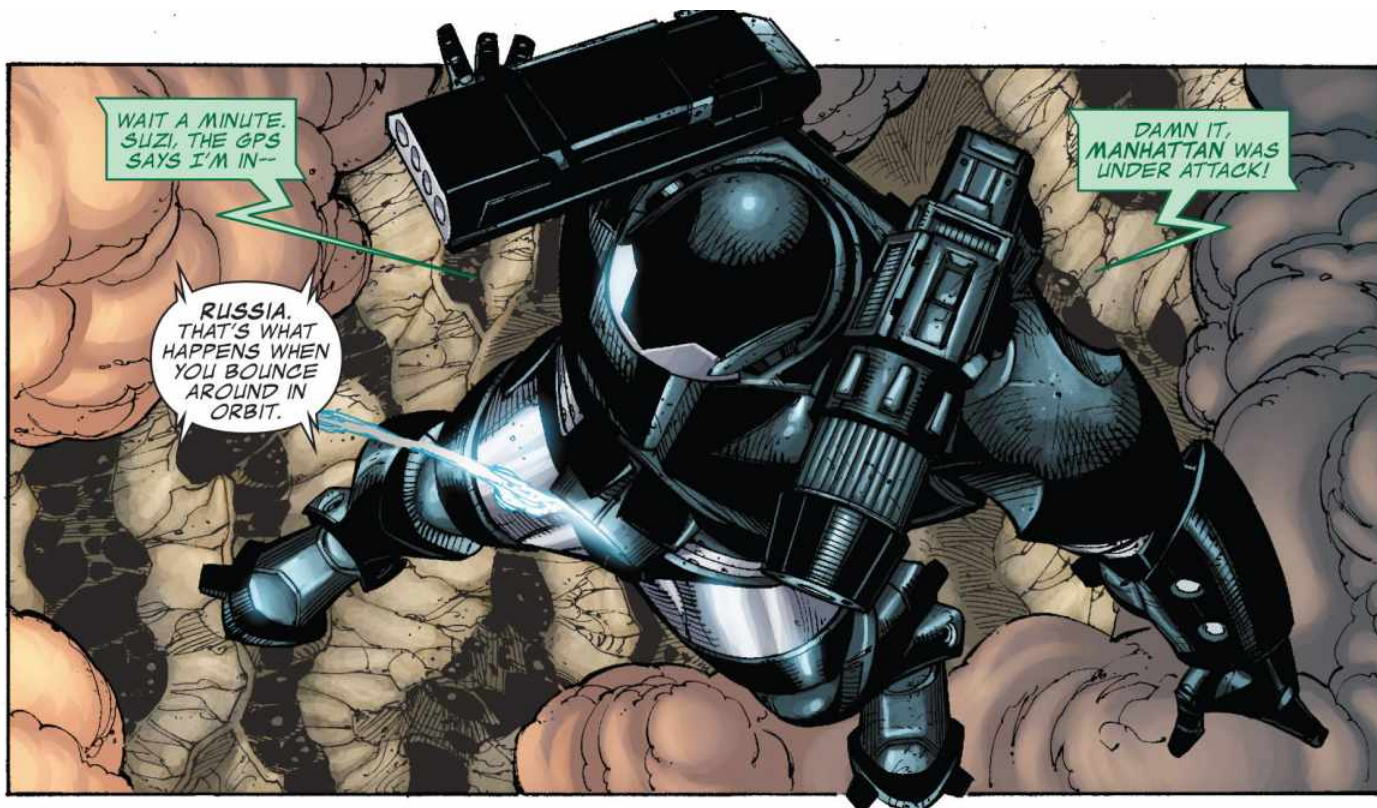
GOOD. I'M
GOING AFTER OUR
RABBIT. GIVE ME A
GLOBAL SITREP...



...I WANT TO
KNOW HOW BAD
THINGS ARE.

TRANSMITTING.
AND RHODEY...





WAIT A MINUTE.
SUZI, THE GPS
SAYS I'M IN--

DAMN IT,
MANHATTAN WAS
UNDER ATTACK!

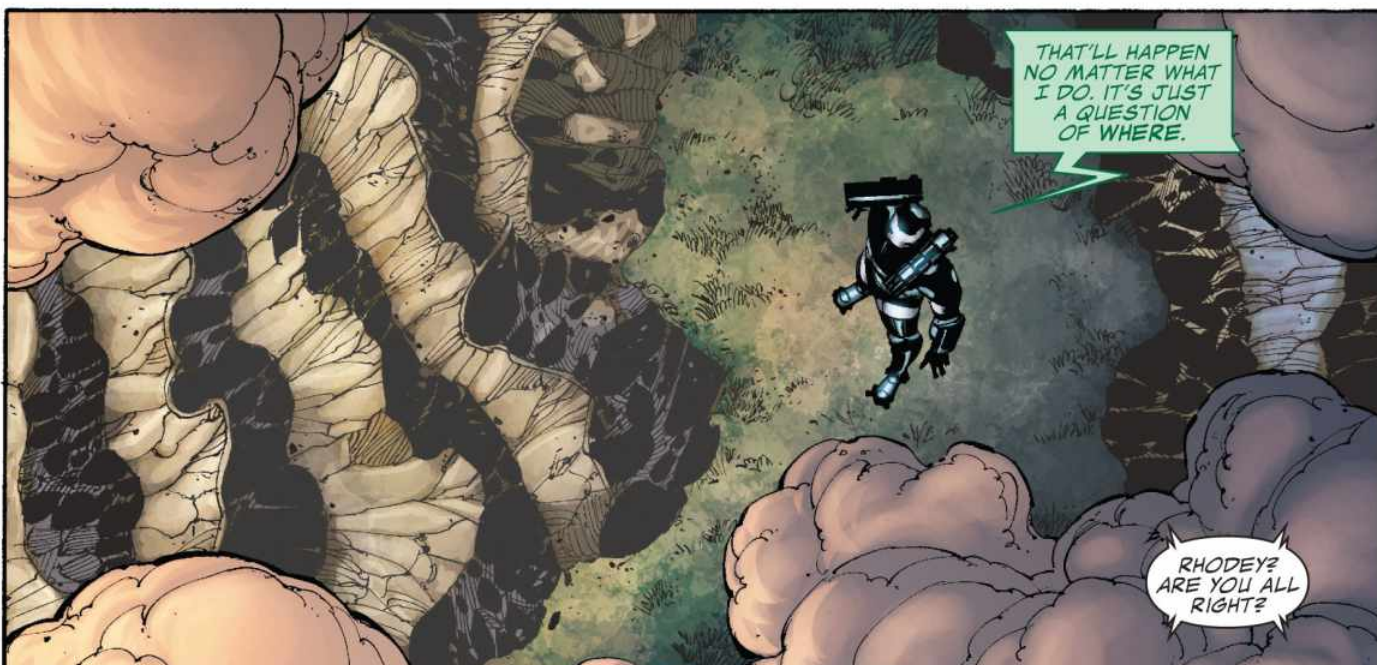
RUSSIA.
THAT'S WHAT
HAPPENS WHEN
YOU BOUNCE
AROUND IN
ORBIT.



LOTS OF
PLACES ARE.
THE CLOSEST ACTION
TO YOU IS AT TATISCHEVO--
A NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEPOT.
RUSSIA'S HOMEGROWN
HEROES, THE WINTER
GUARD, ARE ON SCENE...
BUT THEY'RE
OVERWHELMED.

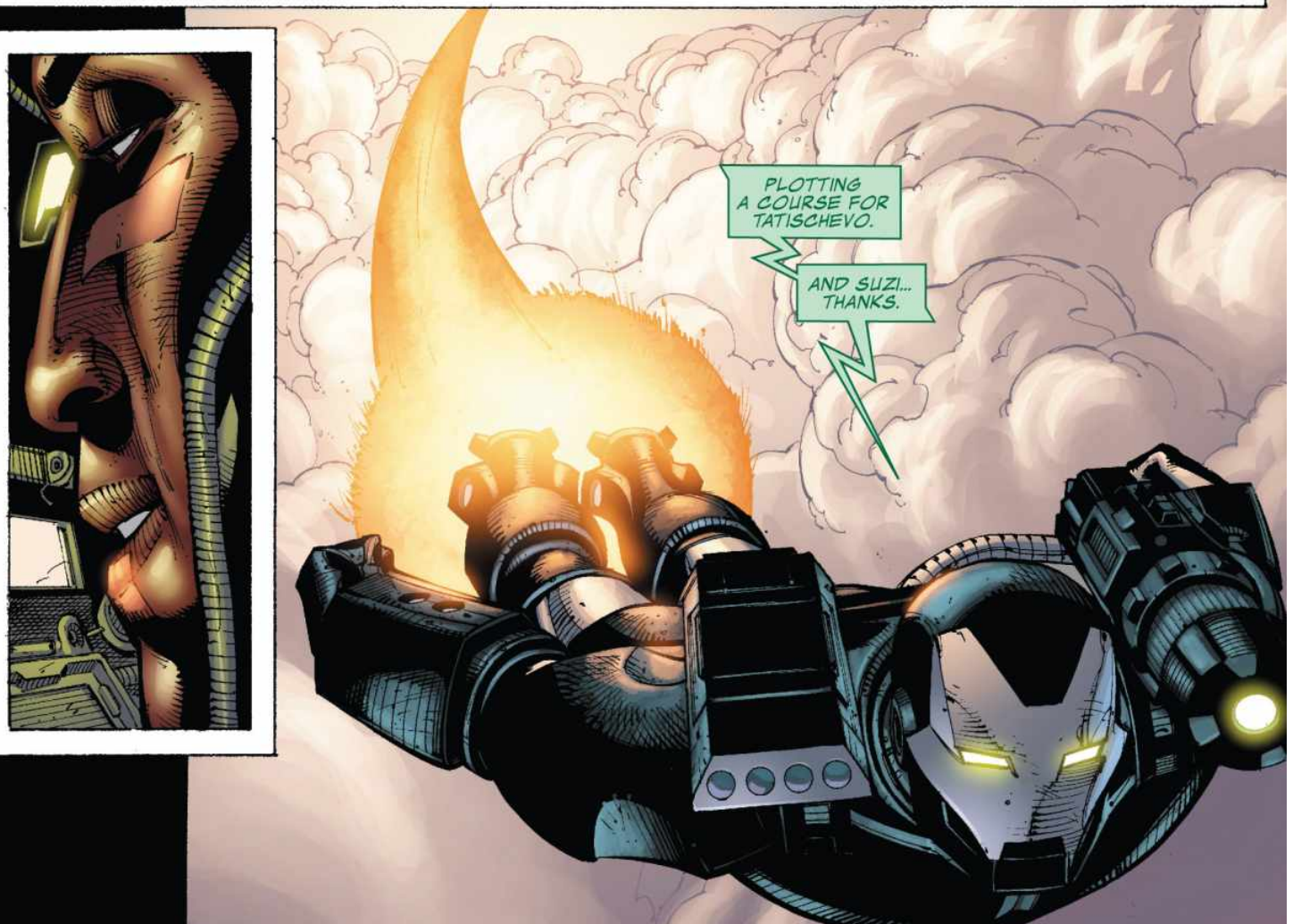
SORTING BY
PROXIMITY AND
URGENCY, THE NEXT
MOST VIABLE TARGETS
ARE WAKANDA AND TOKYO.
I UNDERSTAND YOU
WANTING TO HELP
OUT IN THE
STATES...

...BUT WHO
KNOWS WHAT
COULD HAPPEN IN
THE TIME IT TAKES
YOU TO GET THERE?
HOW MANY PEOPLE
MIGHT DIE?



THAT'LL HAPPEN
NO MATTER WHAT
I DO. IT'S JUST
A QUESTION
OF WHERE.

RHODEY?
ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT?





«DARKSTAR!
I CAN'T REACH
THE SHIPS, CAN
YOU--?»

«I'M TRYING,
BUT HE'S TOO
STRONG!»

«OUR
PILOTS ARE BEING
MASSACRED!»

CRIMSON
DYNAMO

DARKSTAR

RED
GUARDIAN

URSA MAJOR

TATISCHEVO,
RUSSIA





I UNDERSTAND
YOU PERFECTLY.

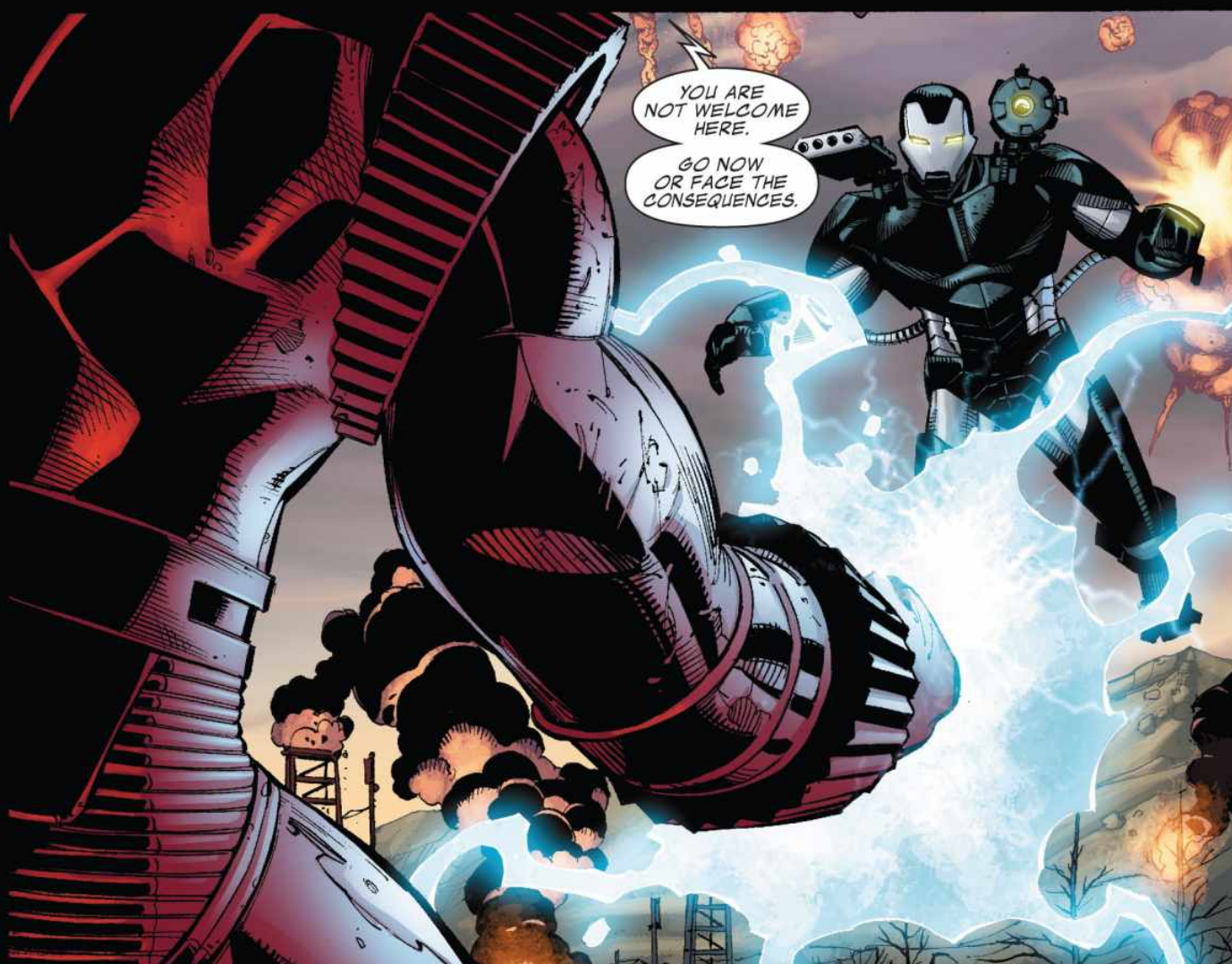
LEAVE THIS
PLACE, WAR MACHINE.
RUSSIA DOES NOT WANT
OR REQUIRE THE INITIATIVE'S
HELP. AMERICA--DESPITE
WHAT YOU AND YOUR BOSS
TONY STARK MAY THINK--IS
NOT THE WORLD'S
POLICE.



WHAT?!

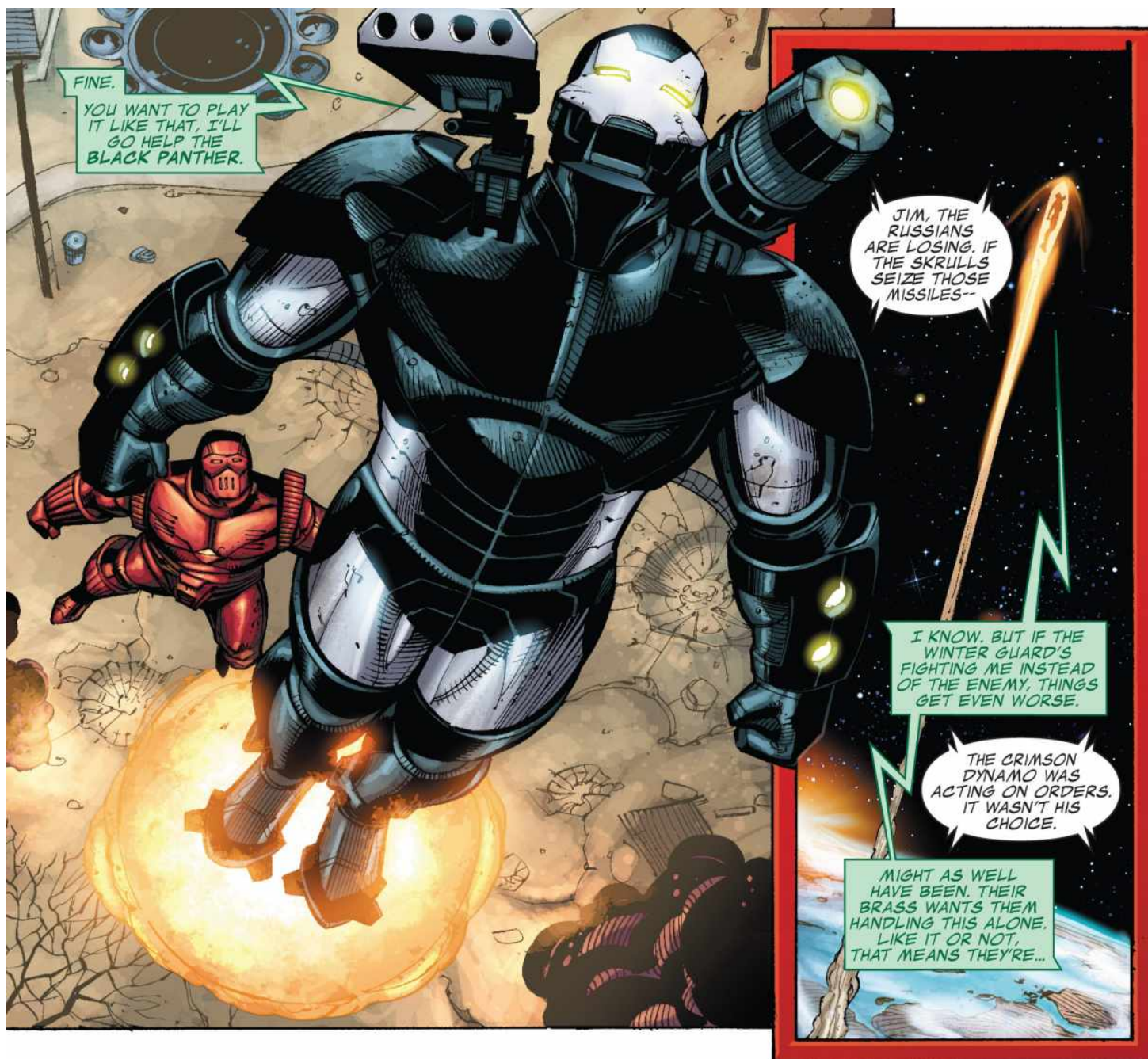
ARE YOU CRAZY?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT
THE SKRULLS COULD
DO WITH A NUCLEAR
ARSENAL?

I'M NOT HERE
WITH THE INITIATIVE,
I'M JUST TRYING
TO HELP. YOUR
PEOPLE ARE GETTING
SLAUGHTERED!
YOU NEED ME!



YOU ARE
NOT WELCOME
HERE.

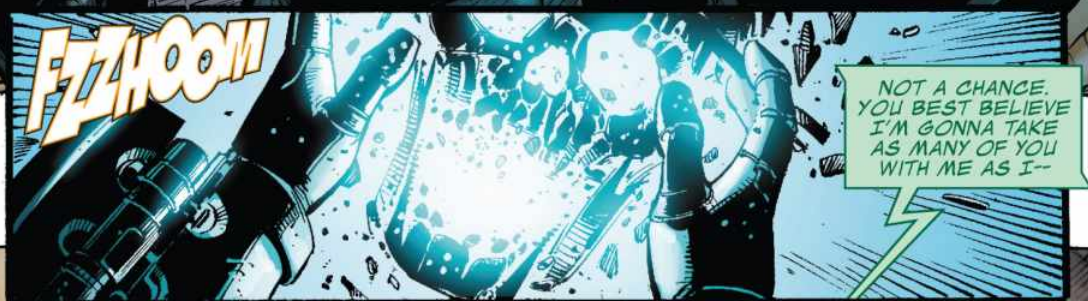
GO NOW
OR FACE THE
CONSEQUENCES.











ANZLO MZ
E513!

ME
E513!

NNHH...

E51313 MZ
E513 C3A1302
13.

HC5K6A
E513 K5C3E0--
NO CLEAR DELINEATION
WHERE THE MAN ENDS
AND THE MACHINE
BEGINS.

TRANSLATOR ENGAGED.

NOT TO
WORRY. BIOLOGICAL
FUNCTION IS DEPENDENT
ON THE SUIT OF
ARMOR.

ALL WE
NEED DO IS
REMOVE IT...



...AND THE HUMAN WILL BE DEAD IN MOMENTS.

THEN WE CAN *DISSECT* HIM AT OUR LEISURE.